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In a preferred embodiment of the process, the state of the catalyst system is detected within an acceleration phase of the motor vehicle. In addition, the detection of the state can also be made to depend on whether or not the operating mode of the internal combustion engine is within a predetermined lambda region or on whether the catalyst temperature is in a predetermined temperature range.

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the paragraph starting at line 27:

The invention is explained in greater detail below on the basis of the associated drawings:

- Figure 1 is a schematic diagram of a catalyst system installation in an exhaust gas channel of an internal combustion engine; and
- Figure 2 shows a flow diagram of the detection of the state of the catalyst system according to an exemplary embodiment of the process according to the invention.

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